

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

*We, the undersigned residents of the Northwest Territories, are strongly opposed to the \$1 billion cutbacks announced by the Conservative Government on September 25, 2006. Stephen Harper's government defended these cuts as "trimming the fat," claiming programs such as adult literacy training, volunteer initiatives, equality for women, incentives to boost tourism and economic development, protection of minority rights and cultural and health promotional initiatives are not "value for money." We say working Canadians who rely on these programs are not "fat to be trimmed." At a time when the government has a \$13 billion surplus, it is appalling to see massive cuts to programs that we and other Canadians rely on. As a result, more aboriginal Canadians will get sick and die due to smoking, fewer adults will learn to read, fewer youths will find work, the fight for gender equality will take a giant leap back in time, and our economy will suffer when we lose tourists to other countries. We call on the Conservative government to recognize that these programs are important to us, and demand an immediate reinstatement of these funds.*

Sincerely,

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